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Dr Benjamin L. Robinson
Curator of Gray Herbarium

My dear Sir: -

I feel it to be
my duty to inform you that
I have in my possession some
Volumes belonging to the Gray
Herbarium - two covers embracing
the glaucae and Arcticae and
a few - 3 or 4 - miscellaneous sheets,
At a time when other things
were returned there were retained
with Dr Watsons permission - as I
had in hand a revision of
the American forms of the

groups named and was desirous
not alone of the use of the
material. But I wished if I
recorded on the sheets any
determinations of my own that
these should represent the final
outcome of my studies. I am
sorry to say that my intentions
are as far as ever from the
accomplished fact but it is
one of the pleasant things
which I look forward to when
the dead of winter shall give me
my accustomed period of leisure
for Willow work, to try again
with your permission therefore
I will retain the specimens
a few months longer. They are
kept in a pigeon hole of
my book by themselves.

I must confess I have lost
much of my old enthusiasm
in Botany - There has been so
much of late to provoke
indignant resentment and
protests - That being only an
amateur - with no obligations
laid upon me of any sort. I
have simply - for the sake
of peace of mind taken the
furthering notice!

Yours very truly
W. S. Webb